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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS & JUSTICE
(Home-II Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 10th February, 2020

No. 7/1/2020-3H2/461.—Whereas it has come to the notice of State Government that the Punjabi movie "Shooter" is based on the life of a gangster Sukha Kahlwan who was killed by another gangster Vicky Gounder in January 2015 when six policemen were taking Sukha Kahlwan back to Nabha jail in a jeep after a court hearing in Jalandhar. The story of this movie has been written by Wahid brothes, produced by Charanjeet Singh and directed by Dilsher Singh and Khushpal Singh. The movie features Jay Randhawa as Sukha Kahlwan. The movie shows Sukha Kahlwan's Journey from an ordinary kid to a big name in the dark world.

2. The trailer of this movie has been released on 18th January, 2020 and the movie is slated for release on 21st February, 2020. The content of the trailer is highly radical and may have negative effect on youth. The title of the movie has been creatively crafted, as Sukha Kahlwan was popularly known as a sharpshooter.

3. Sukha Kahlwan was considered the most dreaded gangster of Punjab. There were dozens of cases registered on his name. He was wanted by police in different states and he was involved in more than 40 criminal cases. He was booked for crimes ranging from contract killing to robbery.

4. The Punjab & Haryana High Court on 22.07.2019 had directed the Director General of Police in the State of Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory, Chandigarh to ensure that no songs are played glorifying the liquor, wine, drugs and violence in any song even in live shows. The Punjabi movie "Shooter" also glorifies the gangster/ gun culture and violence in Punjab.

5. If this movie is released in Punjab there is very strong apprehension that some organizations may create law and order problem by holding protest demonstrations at various places in the state. This movie may also mislead the younger generation as it is depicting the life and events of a gangster. In addition, this film will have an impact on school children and college students as they are more influenced by this type of movie. This movie can affect the law and order situation in Punjab as the younger generation can be influenced by such films.

6. The movie is being opposed by various radical organizations, NGOs and social organizations. They are alleging that this movie may lead to promotion of gun/gangster culture in the state.

7. Keeping in view the above mentioned provocative material in the movie, there is very strong apprehension of disruption to peace and public tranquillity. If the movie is released for screening in Punjab, it may lead to large scale violence and disturbing of public order. Moreover, releasing of this movie may lead to promotion of gun/gangster culture in the state. The anti-national elements may use this situation and carry out extremist activities in the state.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1952 (Punjab Act No. XI of 1952), the Governor of Punjab is pleased to suspend the exhibition of the film, "Shooter", a Punjabi Movie produced by Charanjeet Singh and directed by Dilsher Singh and Khushpal Singh with immediate effect and during such suspension, the film shall be deemed to be uncertified film in the State of Punjab. The order shall remain in force for a period of two months from the date of its issue.

Chandigarh

The 10th February, 2020

(SATISH CHANDRA),

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Department of Home Affairs & Justice.